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The Journal of the Houston Area Apple Users Group



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Mac Wish List + Aperture



Saturday, December 9th

Doug Smith will help us prepare our **Mac Wish List for the Holidays**, and **Rex Covington** will show how **Apple's Aperture** puts professional finishing touches on digital photographs. Bring a toy for Toys for Tots!

Special Interest Groups begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Main Presentation starts at 11:15 a.m. General Meeting SIGs include topics such as Mac 101 & Fundamentals, Green Apples, Digital Photography, New Member Orientation, Adobe® Creative Suite, iTunes® + iPod®, Mac One on One and much more!

Toys 4 Tots

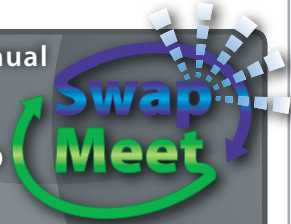
HAAUG will be accepting donations at the **Dec. 9th** general meeting.

See **page 3** for details.

Semi-Annual

Sign-up
today.

See page 10 for details.



P.O. Box 570957
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Meeting Location

Rice Media Center
at Rice University

Entrance 8 / Building 47
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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



Wishing all a very happy holidays.

Happy holidays my fellow HAAUG Members. I also wish you a very good new year. It was my pleasure to lead this great group this year. I need to thank the board for their support during this year. As I have said before this is a team effort, all members of the board stepped up to the plate and created a wonderful year. Please remember that we are always looking for members to help out and there is a position with your name on it. Just button hole a board member, believe me, your efforts will not go to waste.

Last month I jumped the gun by stating that we would discuss the budget at the November meeting. Well, I was mistaken. We will present the budget at the December meeting. We accepted nominations to the board, from the floor at the November meeting. At the December meeting, because there are no contested offices, the members will vote for the board and approve the budget.

Please check out the list of winners of the annual photo contest. The submission quality was great, all of the winners produced some wonderful work. Thanks again to Ragan Atkenson of Houston Camera Exchange for again giving us tips on buying a digital cameras. I also need to recognize Rex Covington for organizing the Photo Contest and the main presentation at the meeting.

For the December Main Presentation we will have a discussion of our holiday wish list and a demo of Aperture, Apple's pro photo processing application. With the December meeting just about here; that means Swap meet is just around the corner. The table reservation link will be up on haaug.org soon so start planning what stuff you want/need to sell. Also, think about those things that you would like but not pay full price for.

HAAUG had a good year and this was a momentous year for Apple Computer with the introduction of new Intel-based computers. Apple announced that they were going to change the machine's architecture in the summer of 2005, and the new machines were introduced last January. By the end of the year the company had completely changed its product line. This is the fourth time that Apple has remade the product, five if you include the introduction of the Mac. Here is a little history. The introduction of the Macintosh Apple used the Motorola 68000 processor, the next change was from the 68000 series to the Power PC series. The next evolution was from the System 1 through 9 OS to the OS X, and now another change in the main processor. This is from a company that was continually counted out as being a "niche" computer. We are so faithful to this platform, that we come together in user groups, go to MacWorld or attend Macintosh themed cruise vacations.

Again I would like to personally wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a good New Year.

Phil Booth
2006 HAAUG President

Toys 4 Tots – Toy Drive

Toys 4 Tots

December 9th
HAAUG General Meeting

Help HAAUG make the Holidays brighter for less fortunate members of the Houston Community.

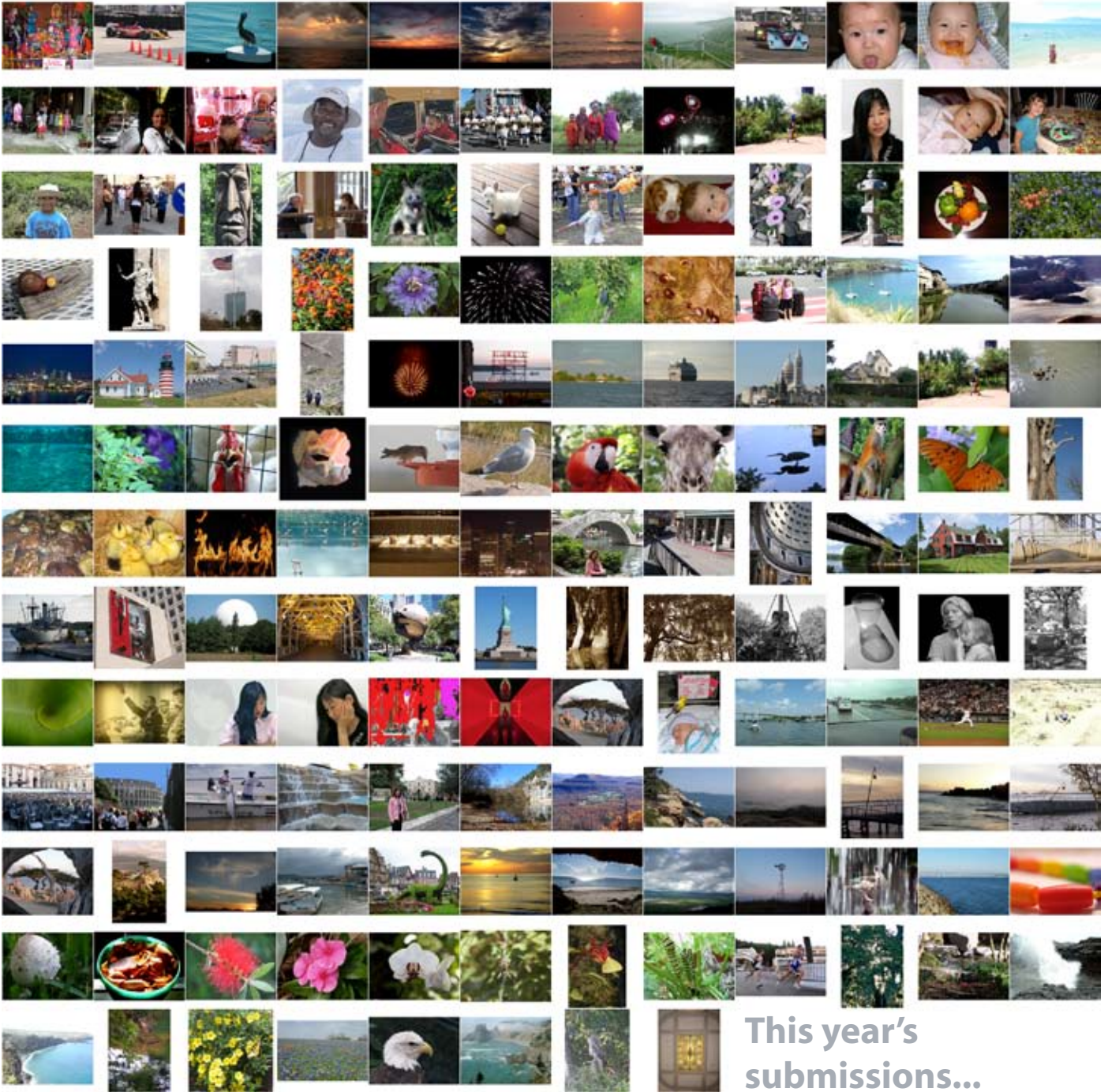
The December 9th meeting will be an official Toys for Tots collection event, please bring a new unwrapped toy to the meeting, and show the Houston community how generous HAAUG member can be.

Toys for Tots is a toy distribution charity of the Marine Corp reserve foundation. A member of the local Marine Corp Reserve unit will be at the meeting to help collect our donations.

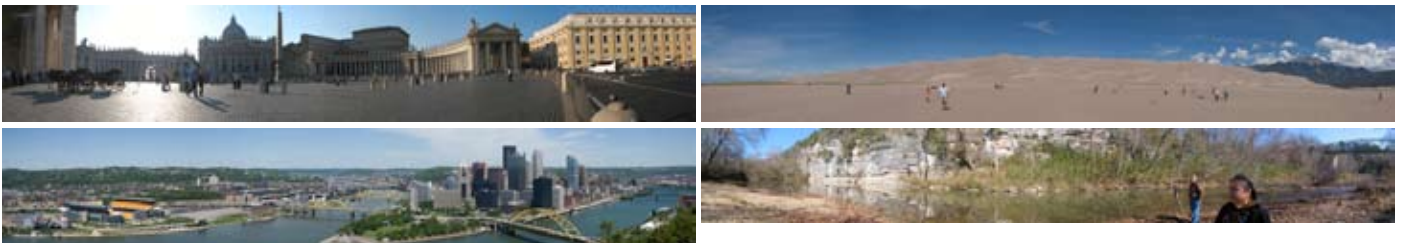
Please be as generous as possible.



Photo Contest 2006 – Recap



This year's submissions...



Thank you to everyone who submitted photography this year.

Remember to keep shooting beautiful and inspiring images throughout the year for the **2007 Photo Contest** is only 12 months away!

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HAAUG PhotoContest 2006

Winners & Submissions

View the all the photos that were submitted this year by visiting:

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First Place

Frank Coe – Great Sand Dunes

This Year's Winners

Second Place

Marsha Streng – Butterfly



HAAUGraphy

A photographic journal of The Houston Area Apple Users' Group



Want your pictures in the Apple Barrel?

HAAUGraphy is a way to express and communicate our history through photography. Submit your personal photos to abe@haaug.org



Phill Booth, HAAUG President, at the Key West Docks Cruise ship Veendam in the background.



Phill Booth with Andy Ihnatko

This Month's Crop of New & Renewed Members

- Gerald Buc
- Jonathan A. Crocker
- Jeffrey Dravis
- Michael J. Epstein
- Joann Kearns
- Jim King
- Rod McCullough
- James Pavlosky
- C. V. Rao
- Lionel M. Schooler
- Edward Tallichet
- Robert H. Tucker
- Linda Worden

Submit your holiday photos for the January Apple Barrel!
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2006 Mac Wish List

As specified by the Houston Area Apple Users Group Board of Directors.

1 Mac Pro

Rick Roberts, SIG Coordinator
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2 Final Cut Pro Studio

Phill Booth, President



3 Two weeks of hands-on training on Final Cut Pro

Phill Booth, President

4

Sony DVCam/DV recorder

Phill Booth, President

Luna from Extreme Mac

Doug Smith, VP Programs

5



6 Tickets to the Geek Cruise in Alaska – May 2007

Phill Booth, President

7 24-inch (2.16GHz, Intel Core 2 Duo) iMac

Tamara Sasha Alexander, Apple Barrel Editor

7



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8 Griffin's AirClick USB RF Remote Control

Tamara Sasha Alexander,
Apple Barrel Editor
*"Because some of us don't have Front Row,
but wish we did."*



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9 LaCie Brick Desktop Hard Drive 250GB

Tamara Sasha Alexander, Apple Barrel Editor
"These stackable external hard drives are the shizzle!!!"



December SIG Topics

General Meeting - Saturday, December 9, 2006

Ad hoc

Groups are welcome to use the casual spaces to meet on other topics.

Scheduled SIGs take precedence. The HAAUG SIG Coordinator is Rick Roberts.

If you have a topic that you think warrants a SIG, please see Rick (large, bearded fellow) at the General Meeting, or email him at rroberts@mac.com.

Mac 101 Fundamentals

Rick Roberts

This SIG is for basic Macintosh questions.

Green Apples

David Jaschke

SIG for new Macintosh users, and those who that have switched from another OS, or have never used a computer.

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Tamara Alexander

Basics of Adobe Applications, desktop print and web publishing.

Digital Photography

Joe Muscara

Bring your cameras, bring your photos (printed or electronic) and we'll discuss what makes a great photo.

iTunes/iPod

Rick Roberts

You, your iPod. Covers iTunes and iPhoto. Other topics, like HandBrake are fair game. We can branch into general AV topics.

Mac One on One

Members helping members, one at a time.

Mac OS 9

An opportunity for OS 9 users to organize a SIG.

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December SIG Schedule

Find out when and where your SIG will be taking place.

	Auditorium	Classroom	Commons	Small Room
9 a.m.	Mac 101& Mac Fundamentals			New Member Orientation
10 a.m.	Mac 101& Mac Fundamentals	Digital Photography		New Member Orientation
11:00 a.m.	11:00 to 11:15 - We will transition to the business meeting and main presentation in the auditorium. Get in early, we'll move the schedule as fast as we can.			
11:15 a.m.	Business Meeting.			
11:30 a.m.	Mac Wish List + Aperture Presented by Doug Smith and Rex Covington.			
12:30 p.m.	Adobe® Creative Suite 101	OS 9	Mac One on One	
1:30 p.m.	Green Apples	iTunes®/iPod®		
2:30 p.m.	Tear down, pack it up, and clean it up...			
3:30 a.m.	BBQ SIG location to be determined by consensus.			
Room assignments and SIG topics are subject to change at any time. SIG leaders are volunteers, be nice to them.				

December Main Presentation:

Doug Smith will talk about the newest and coolest things that are sure to be on everyone's Wish List this year.

Rex Covington will present Apple's latest version of Aperture, Aperture is an all-in-one post-production tool for serious photographers. It can import, manage, edit, catalog, organize, adjust, publish, export, and archive images.

HAAUG PhotoContest 2006

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2006 HAAUG Elections

Club Announcement

Show Up and Vote!

Well, it's that time of year again. Elections will be held at the December 9th General Meeting for the 2006 HAAUG Board members. Thanks to all board volunteers for serving HAAUG this year and for all of those whom submitted nominations for the 2007 terms.

We would also like to thank **Rex Covington** and **David Jaschke** for all there hard work and dedication to insuring a successful election year.

To view the current roster of the Houston Area Apple Users Group, visit www.haug.org/board

HAAUG 2006 Election

David Jaschke
djaschke@mac.com

Rex Covington
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Minutes

Of the HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - November 7, 2006

Attendees:

Tamara Alexander, Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Rex Covington, Amy Denton, Michael Epstein, Joe Fournet, Barbara Long, Michael Miron, Rick Roberts, and Doug Smith.

Call to Order: 6:52 p.m. by President, Phil Booth, who requested Jim Connell to take minutes of the meeting in the absence of Secretary Lyda McGhee.

General Announcements/General Meeting Recap: No announcements or general meeting recap.

REPORTS:

Secretary: The minutes of the board meeting held on October 3, 2006, were approved with one amendment. The amendment, which is to the beginning of the membership report, reads as follows: "In September one new member joined HAAUG, and ten members renewed their membership."

Treasurer – Barbara Long: HAAUG has money in the bank. The current bank balance is \$13,390.96. HAAUG has a preliminary loss year-to-date of \$417.64. All bills presented have been paid.

1st Vice President – Doug Smith: The general meeting on November 18, 2006, will feature an iChat session with Chris Breen, a presentation by Reagan Atkinson of Houston Camera Exchange, and the announcement of the winners of the 2006 HAAUG Photo Contest. Representatives of Canon and possibly of Hewlett-Packard will also be at the meeting. The vendors will need tables to display their products.

HAAUG will place an eighth-page advertisement for the November general meeting in the November 17, 2006, issue of the Rice University student newspaper.

The main presentation at general meeting on December 9, 2006, will consist of the election of officers and directors, the 2006 Mac Wish List and a presentation on Apple's Aperture.

2nd Vice President - Mike Miron: A faculty art show will be on display in the gallery area of the Rice University Media Center during the November general meeting. The exhibition, which is open to the general public, should not interfere with HAAUG's use of the Media Center, although members of the public may be viewing the exhibition during our meeting.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: A draft SIG schedule for the November general meeting will be distributed to the HAAUG leadership.

Apple Barrel Editor – Tamara Alexander: Three articles are in the works for the November Apple Barrel, and receipt of the November SIG schedule is expected shortly. The Apple Barrel will include a link to the Phanfare website, where thumbnails of the 2006 Photo Contest submissions will be posted.

Web Master: No report.

Membership – Jim Connell: In October two new members joined HAAUG, and eight members renewed their membership. As of the end of October, HAAUG had 255 members, consisting of 243 regular members, 5 student members, 1 associate member, and 8 lifetime members. At this time last year HAAUG had 302 members.

Boutique: No report.

HAAUGNet: No report.

Apple Barrel Advertising Report: No report.

HAAUG Hotline: No report.

HAAUG History: No report.

Apple Barrel Preservation: No report.

2007 Budget: After discussion, the board accepted without changes the 2007 budget that the Budget Committee prepared and approved the submission of the 2007 budget to the membership at the November general meeting.

The Houston Area Apple Users Group Board of Directors meet on the first Tuesday of every month. All members are invited. The meeting is held at:

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Officer and Director Nominations: Rex Covington reported that nominees are needed for two Director-at-Large positions and for Membership Chairman and that incumbents are expected to fill the appointed positions. After discussion, the board approved submitting the officer and director nominees to the membership at the November general meeting.

Adjourned: 7:46 p.m.

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Michael Epstein

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Tuesday, December 19th

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Software Libraries

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Bulletin Board System & Internet Link

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Club Magazine

Club and industry news, meeting information and special member offers are published in our monthly newsletter - The Apple Barrel. The Barrel's content is also available to members on HAAUG Heaven in Adobe Acrobat format.

Mentor Program

The HAAUG Mentor Program puts people with hardware, software, system or network problems in contact with volunteers who can provide solutions. Contact with the mentors can be made through the HAAUG Hotline, HAAUG Heaven, e-mail or at the monthly meetings.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

People with common interests, including Macintosh and OS X basics, Newton, internet, games, educational computing, databases, publishing, graphics, desktop video, programming and more gather for in-depth discussion, product demonstrations, tutorials and general knowledge sharing.

HAAUG Hotline

Call the HAAUG Hotline at 713-522-2179 for the latest meeting information, to leave voice mail for officers.

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